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SUBJECT: VISIT TO USSR BY SIMON RAMO OF TRW

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1. IN INITIAL COMMENTS CONCERNING SCST'S SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR RAMO'S MOSCOW VISIT (REFTEL), NEWTON OF TRW NOTES TRW'S UNDERSTANDING THAT VISIT HAS TWO ASPECTS: 1) WHEN SOVIET MEMBERS OF S&T JOINT COMMISSION MET WITH DR. RAMO IN LATE MARCH, TRAPEZNIKOV DECLARED INTENTION TO INVITE RAMO TO COME TO USSR TO DISCUSS IN BROAD TERMS QUESTIONS OF HOW TECHNOLOGICAL CONCEPTS ARE TRANSLATED INTO USEFUL PRODUCTS, AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS AND IMPACT ON SOCIETY, AND 2) ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVE STATED BY SOVIETS WAS TO EXPLORE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH TRW.

2. NEWTON HOPES EMBASSY WILL DO WHATEVER APPROPRIATE TO
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INSURE THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS DO NOT VIEW RAMO'S VISIT

SOLELY IN LIGHT OF LATTER OBJECTIVE, AND THAT FINAL PROGRAM TAKES ACCOUNT OF BOTH ASPECTS. THUS, RAMO'S SCHEDULE NEED NOT BE COMPLETELY IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF TWO TRW TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM. RAMO'S SCHEDULE SHOULD BE ORIENTED MORE TOWARD FIRST ASPECT MENTIONED ABOVE, WHILE SCHEDULE OF ACCOMPANYING EXPERTS COULD BE ORIENTED MORE TOWARD EXPLORATION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. RAMO WOULD BE GLAD TO HOLD INFORMAL SEMINAR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN DETAIL ON TOPICS RELEVANT TO HIS INTERESTS AND TRW ACTIVITIES, BEFORE A GROUP OF ANY SIZE.

3. INTEREST OF RAMO GROUP INCLUDES AUTOMOTIVE, ELECTRONICS, SPECIALIZED ASPECTS OF AEROSPACE, AND APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS TO MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION TO DR. AND MRS. RAMO, GROUP WILL INCLUDE RUPERT ATKINS, TECHNICAL EXPERT IN AUTOMOTIVE MATTERS, AND GUS E. SCHRADER, TECHNICAL EXPERT IN METALS PROCESSING, FORGING, AND CASTING.

4. RAMO GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE, AND WILL PLAN TO VISIT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING TECH AGAIN AND HOPES TO MEET CHARGE.

5. RAMO GROUP PREPARED TO PAY OWN EXPENSES FOR VISIT, BUT DO NOT WISH TO OFFEND SOVIET HOSTS. THEY WILL BE GUIDED BY EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO APPROACH THIS QUESTION.

6. NEWTON WONDERS WHETHER SCST HAS IN MIND ANY SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. RAMO. HER SPECIAL INTERESTS RELATE TO EDUCATION AND MUSIC.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS MAY FOLLOW AFTER DR. RAMO HAS OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE, OR PERHAPS AFTER PRONSKIY'S LETTER ACTUALLY ARRIVES. MEANWHILE, TRW WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE ABOUT SOVIET PLANNING FOR RAMO VISIT. ROGERS

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